

ATTACHMENT 5

Examples of requests for prior authorization for durable medical equipment

Examples of new requests for prior authorization before and after the implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) are illustrated below.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:	
Date of receipt	Requested start date	Prior authorization (PA) forms and instructions	Codes
9/1/03	9/30/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes. • Pre-HIPAA medical codes.
9/30/03	10/14/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes. • Pre-HIPAA medical codes.
10/14/03	11/1/03	Revised PA forms and instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National nonmedical codes. • National medical codes.

For the following examples, the durable medical equipment (DME) to be purchased is a power-operated vehicle (three- or four-wheel nonhighway) with rear-wheel drive, for use in the home.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:				
Date of receipt	Requested start date	PA forms and instructions	Procedure code	Modifier(s)	Place of service code	Type of service code
9/1/03	9/30/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	E1230	30	4	P
9/30/03	10/14/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	E1230	30	4	P
10/14/03	11/1/03	Revised PA forms and instructions	E1230	59	12	None

For the following examples, the DME is a compressor rented as an exceptional supply for use in a skilled nursing facility.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:				
Date of receipt	Requested start date	PA forms and instructions	Procedure code	Modifier(s)	Place of service code	Type of service code
9/1/03	9/30/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	W6890	None	8	R
9/30/03	10/14/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	W6890	None	8	R
10/14/03	11/1/03	Revised PA forms and instructions	E1399	RR	31	None